

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**At page 12, paragraph 3, starting on line 19, please change to read as follows:**

An eleventh explicit routing method in a label switching system according to the present invention ~~comprises~~ includes a step of specifying an MPLS explicit route by adding, to an ~~IP-over-MPLS (IP/MPLS)~~ MPLS-to-IP forwarding function of one specified egress-and-ingress port group, a communication function with the ~~IP/MPLS~~ MPLS-to-IP forwarding function of an intra-system other port group, and a forwarding function to the intra-system other port group.

**At page 15, last paragraph , starting on line 21, please change to read as follows:**

An eleventh packet router in a label switching system according to the present invention ~~comprises~~ includes a module for specifying an MPLS explicit route by adding, to an ~~IP/MPLS~~ MPLS-to-IP forwarding function of one specified egress-and-ingress port group, a communication function with the ~~IP-over-MPLS (IP/MPLS)~~ MPLS-to-IP forwarding function of an intra-system other port group, and a forwarding function to the intra-system other port group.